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1. Under the supervision of the Moslem Brotherhood (~~Dr. Muhammad al-Muhammad~~), terrorist training is being given to a selected cadre of Arab youths on the outskirts of Damascus. This training, which is being carried out on behalf of the Mufti, Hajj Amin al-Husseini, is being conducted by retired Syrian Army officers. It consists of instruction in the handling and use of rifles, machine guns, and hand grenades. The training sites are changed frequently, in order to keep the training a secret.
2. ~~However~~, source reports, the Mufti does not intend to rely on this group of trainees for his most important assignments. For more serious terrorist activity, he will rely on trusted Palestinians who gained experience in the Palestine War. The action man on whom the Mufti is relying is ~~Shaykh Muhammad al-Aghmar~~. ~~Ma'rur al-Dawalibi~~ will be exploited solely for political ends.
3. According to source, ~~the Mufti has not assigned specific tasks to his followers,~~ although it is rumored that political assassinations and widespread disturbances are being planned.
4. On 1 November, ~~Rafiq al-Tamimi~~, chief of the Arab Higher Committee (AHC) office in Damascus, received a coded letter from the Mufti in Cairo instructing him to find four trusted men, suitable for terrorist work, ~~(persons who do not value their lives highly, is the term used by source)~~ and send them to Cairo as soon as possible for precise orders as to what is expected of them. The men have not yet been selected.

Field Note: RSD-699 most recently reported collaboration between the Mufti and the Moslem Brotherhood in Syria in the project of training terrorist squads.
On 'AGHMAR, DAWALIBI and TAMIMI, see cards.

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